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1 **Relating to:** requesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cease using the
2 National Cheese Exchange price in determining the basic formula price for
3 manufacturing milk.

4 Whereas, the current federal basic formula price for manufacturing milk is
5 greatly influenced by the National Cheese Exchange price for block and barrel
6 cheddar cheese; and

7 Whereas, the National Cheese Exchange price results from trading that
8 represents less than 2% of all bulk cheddar cheese sold nationally; and

9 Whereas, the National Cheese Exchange was never intended to be an indicator
10 of national supply of and demand for milk; and

11 Whereas, there are other measures that have the potential to be more reliable
12 indicators of market supply of and demand for milk; now, therefore, be it

13 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
14 Wisconsin legislature urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Secretary
15 Daniel Glickman, to cease using the market activities of the National Cheese
16 Exchange in determining the basic formula price for manufacturing milk and to

